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BONN ALSO FOR AMBASSADOR STRAUSS. GENEVA FOR MTN

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SUBJECT: MTN

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- 1. ONE OF MY AMBASSADORIAL COLLEAGUES FROM THE NINE HAS GIVEN ME A FURTHER ACCOUNT OF DISCUSSIONS IN SPECIAL COREPER MEETING JULY 14 PROVOKED BY FRENCH OBJECTIONS TO GENEVA DECLARATION.
- 2. FRENCH SPECIFIC POINTS WERE AS REPORTED SEPTEL FROM FRENCH SOURCE WITH TWO ADDITIONS. FIRST, FAILURE OF DECLARATION TO SPECIFY THE TARIFF REDUCTIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES AND SECOND, FAILURE TO SPECIFY THAT NOTHING WOULD BE DONE UNLESS FULL PACKAGE WERE IMPLEMENTED. THIS LATTER POINT IS MEANT TO REQUIRE FAVORABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON EVERYTHING WITHOUT CHANGE. IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ADDITION, OTHER COUNTRIES HAD SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE UK CONCERNING SELECTIVE SAFEGUARDS FORMULATION AND A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES CONCERNING WHAT THEY VIEWED AS INSUFFICIENT US COMMITMENT TO ADOPT INJURY REQUIREMENT IN CONTEXT OF SUBSIDY-COUNTERVAIL CODE. EXCEPT FOR FRENCH, HOWEVER, OTHER MEMBER STATES ARE PREPARED TO RIDE WITH DECLARATION ON GROUNDS THAT IT IS BASICALLY A DESCRIPTION

OF PRESENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT COMMISSION HAS AGAIN COMMITTED ITSELF TO OBTAIN LEGAL LANGUAGE MEETING THEIR SPECIFIC CONCERNS.

- 3. AT CONCLUSION COREPER DISCUSSION FRENCH FORMALLY ASKED COMMISSION TO INDICATE AT BONN THAT DECLARATION WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE BY ALL EC MEMBERS. GERMAN CHAIRMAN STATED THAT COMMISSION HAD HEARD DISCUSSION AND SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FRENCH REQUEST. COMMISSION REP REPORTEDLY SAID COMMISSION WOULD TAKE FRENCH REQUEST INTO ACCOUNT BUT DID NOT COMMIT COMMISSION TO DO WHAT FRENCH HAVE ASKED.
- 4. INCIDENTALLY, I'M TOLD THAT FRENCH MADE SAME REQUEST PRIOR TO GENEVA RELEASE AND HAFERKAMP PRESS CONFERENCE AND PART OF THEIR COMPLAINT BUT NOT ALL IS THAT COMMISSION MADE NO SUCH STATEMENT IN GENEVA.
- 5. I AM UNABLE TO JUDGE AT THIS POINT WHETHER JENKINS WILL ACCEDE OR NOT TO FRENCH WISHES AT BONN SUMMIT NOR CAN I JUDGE WHAT GISCARD WILL DO IF HE DOES NOT. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME, HOWEVER, THAT FROM OUR STANDPOINT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR JENKINS, WHO ESSENTIALLY HAS SUPPORT OF EIGHT COUNTRIES, TO LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE AND LET GISCARD OBJECT IF HE SO CHOOSES. WHILE ONE CAN'T BE CERTAIN, I WOULDN'T THINK GISCARD COULD MAKE MUCH OF A FUSS ABOUT THIS ONE.

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6. DENMAN DEFENDED COMMISSION BEFORE COREPER TODAY AND WILL ACCOMPANY JENKINS TO BONN. SUGGEST US DEL CONCERT WITH DENMAN AND PERHAPS WITH JENKINS AS WELL. HINTON

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